DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendments filed March 3, 2008.

2. The object to claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 32-33, 35-36, and 38-29 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments.

3. The examiner acknowledges that claims 31-39 are supported by at least paragraphs 38-40 located on pages 7-8 of the specification as pointed out by the Applicant (Remarks, page 10).

4. The 35 USC section 101 rejection over claims 13-15, 17, 19, 22-26, 28-30, and 34-39 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments.

5. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-15, 17-19, 22-26, and 28-39 have been examined, and all remained pending claims now are being allowed (renumbered 1-31).

Examiner's Amendment

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

7. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Ms. Davis, Registration No. 61,044, on May 13 and 19, 2008, to put the claims in condition for allowance.

Please amend claims 1, 13, 23, and 25 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

      Claim 1 (Currently Amended), in lines 4-5:

"creating a file describing a plurality of stages of the life cycle, wherein the <u>plurality of</u> stages <u>comprises</u> [[comprise]] development, packaging, distribution, installation, execution, collection, and uninstall,"

Claim 13 (Currently Amended), in line 5-7:
"a plurality of stages in the life cycle of the software application, the <u>plurality of</u> stages comprising development, packaging, distribution, installation, execution, collection, and uninstall,"

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the [[collecting]] <u>collection</u> stage includes at least collecting results from at least one remote computing resource.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended), in lines 4-6:
"creating logic operable to create a file describing a plurality of stages of the life cycle, wherein the <u>plurality of</u> stages <u>comprises</u> [[comprise]] development, packaging, distribution, installation, execution, collection, and uninstall,"

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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

8. As Applicants pointed out in the Remarks, the prior art of record (Doyle, Clinton, Stuefe, Volkov, Logston, and APA) do not disclose and/or fairly suggest at least claimed limitations "creating a file describing a plurality of stages of the life cycle, wherein the stages comprise development, packaging, distribution, installation, execution, collection, and uninstall, wherein the distribution stage includes at least distributing the grid node application to at least one remote computing resource on the network and a task list in the file which describes how at least one of the stages in the life cycle of the grid node application is to be performed" as recited in claim 1 and in such manners in independent claims 13 and 25 (Remarks, pp. 12-14).

        These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 32-33, 35-36, and 38-29 are allowed (renumbered 1-31).

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone/fax numbers are (571) 272 8570 and (571) 273 8570, respectively. The examiner can normally be reached on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.

        If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

        The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300.

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